

## THISTLES.

—Backgammon—A lady's waterfall.  
—Appropriate song for burglars—Give us arrest.

—The first day of Adam's life must have been a long one, as it had no Eve.

—How did you learn that graceful attitude? asked a gentleman of a fellow leaning in a maddening way against a post. I've been practising at the glass; was the reply.

—What is the difference between a Jew and a lawyer? The one gets his law from the prophets, the other his profits from the law.

—A man who had been to a crowded ball said he was fond of rings on his fingers, but he didn't like to have belles on his toes.

—A bill recently passed by the California Legislature provides that religion shall be neither taught nor practised in the public schools.

—The following from an exchange just fits the groove: Don't loaf about the streets and depend on the Lord for your daily bread. He isn't running a bakery.

—It is a pleasant thing to see an entire family working in harmony. We saw a father and four children coming home on Sunday, each with a nice pail of berries.

—An artless youth seeing in a churchyard the inscription, I am not dead, but sleeping thinking this a piece of mere imposition, exclaimed, Well if I was dead, by thunder I'd open it.

—To drive away ants—if they are marauding, borrow some money of their husbands. If they are single, let's make use of the afternoon while your wife goes to a matinee.

—A little boy born very far North contrived his mother to tell him some stories about bad boys, and upon her expressing astonishment, said he wanted to find how they got out of scrapes.

—What a fine head your boy has! said an admiring friend. Yes, said the fond father, he's a chip of the old block—saint you, Johnny? I guess so; my teacher said that I was a young blockhead.

—Another verse on Mary and her little lamb:

It's heard of Mary's little lamb,  
Since I was able to creep,  
And often wondered why that lamb  
Has not grown to be a sheep.

—It has been carefully estimated that Chicago might, by converting her *i* into an *e*, save at least five thousand dollars per annum in the ink wasted in dotting the vowel of the first syllable. Cheeky, wouldn't be bad neither.

—Hartford, Conn., has a young gentelman operator, who after repeated calls for a young lady operator in another office, at last got a response, and then, click, click, click, click, click, (fortissimo) he telephoned back to her vehemently: I have been trying to get you for the last half hour? In a moment the following sly reply came tripping back to him over the wires from the telegraphic maiden. That's nothing. There is a young man here been trying to do the same thing for the last two years and he hasn't got me yet.

—A West-street family had a little social gathering Monday evening. During the evening the head of the house volunteered to crack some walnuts, but cracked his thumb instead, and the walnut from which the hammer glanced flew against a ten dollar vase, and knocked in its abdomen. Then the head of the house threw the hammer through a fire screen, kicked the pan of walnuts across the floor and into the legs of the minister, and went into the kitchen to deliver an address. The party broke up.—*Danbury News.*

## ANECDOTES OF JOHN BUNYAN.

To pass away the gloomy hours in prison, Bunyan took a rail out of the stool belonging to his cell, and with his knife fashioned it into a flute. The keeper hearing music, followed the sound to Bunyan's cell, but while he was unlocking the door the ingenious prisoner placed the rail in the stool, so that the searchers were unable to solve the mystery; nor during the remainder of Bunyan's residence in the jail did they ever discover how the music was produced.

From all old accounts of Bedford there is an equally good anecdote. A man came to Bunyan in jail one day, with what he professed to be a message from the Lord. After searching for thee, said he, I half the jails in England, I am glad to have found thee at last. If the Lord sent thee, said Bunyan sarcastically, you would not have needed to take so much trouble to find out, for he knows I have been in Bedford jail these seven years past.

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Oh! Mr. —, gasped the lady, how dreadful hot it is here.

Yes, madam, replied our luckless critis, it is dreadful hot here, but I can assure you the heat of this place isn't a circumstance when compared with the heat of the place where your husband is suffering to-day.

A horror-stricken expression comes over the face of the lady; she rises from her chair and bounces indignantly away; and—

Me, miserable, so ill-omened the wretched critis, I have been mistaking the one for the other, and she thinks I mean to say that her husband is not in heavy

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